

# The Pocahontas Times.

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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please communicate by letter and  
make appointments to suit con-  
venience.

## RAILROAD NEWS.

The Wabash still looking this way.

Geo. J. Gould Says an Excellent  
Grade Has Been Secured  
Through our State.

From recent articles in numer-  
ous papers it is evident that the  
Wabash people have not entirely  
given up their projected road.  
Linking the Little Kanawha Road  
to the Chesapeake Western by  
way of the route through Pocahontas County.

Work has been discontinued on  
the Little Kanawha and on the  
Chesapeake Western tunnel at  
North River Gap, the forces being  
transferred to work on other ex-  
tensions of the same system.

We understand, however that they  
are still building away on the big  
bridge at Parkersburg which will  
take about two years to complete.

What we hang our hopes for  
a road mainly on however, is the  
fact that Mark A. Hanna has been  
investing some of his millions in  
Coal lands on the proposed route  
in Webster and Gilmer Counties.  
According to newspaper reports  
he is a close friend of the Goulds.  
Who own a controlling interest in  
the Wabash stock, and is in a  
position to get inside information  
whenever he so desires. This  
interest in coal lands by Capitalists  
on the proposed routes would in  
no small degree account for the  
temporary abandonment of the  
route until the money men could  
buy up everything at their own  
price, which they are doing with  
astonishing rapidity considering  
the fact that there is no immediate  
prospect of railway development.

George Gould and a number of  
other prominent officials of the  
Wabash have been touring the  
State looking after the interests  
of their great railway system  
which is soon to traverse the  
County from the Pacific Slope to  
the Atlantic in a vast triangle  
whose south western terminus is  
El Paso on the Mexican Border;  
whose northwestern terminus is  
Ogden in Utah, and its Eastern  
terminus is yet to be made known  
to the public but is supposed to be  
Lancaster Point on the Virginia  
coast, one of the finest natural  
harbors in the world.

The following is clipped from  
Fairmont Times, and George J.  
Gould is quoted as saying it:  
"I am surprised that we have  
been able to get such a good grade  
through this State. Mr. Patterson  
tells me we have a grade  
that is much better than most  
roads, and almost as good as can  
be secured on a prairie route. We  
are greatly pleased with it, I have  
always been led to believe that  
this State was almost as hard to  
get through as the western moun-  
tain country."

The above and the fact that the  
Wabash has promised to buy a  
lumber road built on their right  
of way from Marlinton through  
Stoney Creek Gap to Laurel Creek,  
seem to imply that our hopes that  
Marlinton may yet become the  
junction of two great railway  
system are not unfounded.

## The Excursion.

Something like a thousand  
Pocahontas people took advantage  
of the excursion to Clifton Forge  
last Sunday. An excursion train  
of ten cars was packed and jam-  
med. Hats were lost and passen-  
gers fell off Tom Spillman lost  
his balance and hit the ground at  
North Caldwell and broke his  
collar bone. At the same station  
it was found that about one hun-  
dred tourists had been left in  
Ronceverte and the train went  
back for them. The train rolled  
into Marlinton about midnight.  
These excursions are fine things.  
They make you so contented with  
your home.

Cornelius Phillips, of Orleans,  
New York, auditor of the United  
States Leather Company, was in  
Marlinton this week.

Mrs. Robert Simmonds killed a  
large copper-head Sunday near  
the West Marlinton school house  
spring.

## CONFIDENCE MEN

Wall Street Gamblers on the Jump.

Too Much Water, and Bottom About  
to Drop Out of Some Stock.

Wall Street has had another  
flurry. The clouds gathered and  
the chances seemed to be good to  
clean out a large per cent. of the  
gamblers, and to have what is  
known as a panic. Then some-  
body announced that he had gone  
around and counted the loose  
change in the city and found that  
there was enough for everybody  
and that nobody need be in a  
hurry about getting under cover,  
and the herd that had started to  
mill became quiet and went to  
browsing again.

In a short time the process of  
stock will be resumed and values  
will be inflated. A million dol-  
lars worth of property will be pas-  
sing from hand to hand in the  
shape of stock certificates and will  
represent ten million dollars. As  
long as the people are ignorant of  
this fact everything goes well and  
we have good times. Soon how-  
ever the public gets an inkling of  
the fact that they have watered  
stock and try to get rid of it, and  
speedily there are hundreds of sel-  
lers to one buyer and about nine  
millions of dollars worth of ficti-  
tious property vanishes in thin air  
and failures follow. Banks have  
lent money on the watered stock  
perhaps, and when it goes down  
fifty per cent., or so find that they  
have lost some few millions.

To illustrate let us suppose  
here was a hundred dollar horse  
in a pasture. The owner issues  
1,000 shares at one dollar a share.  
I buy ten shares and whenever I  
see that fine horse I feel safe.  
He is a fine, strong horse and it  
looks like he would make my ten  
shares good. But somebody no-  
tices it around that the horse is  
worth only a hundred dollars, and  
is capitalized at a thousand.  
Everybody hears it and there is a  
rush to sell the stock but no one  
buys. Then I light my pipe with  
my shares and complain about the  
J. P. Morgan that capitalized the  
old plug at a thousand dollars.

People are fond of calling the  
Wall Street men gamblers, but in  
doing so, they are giving them a  
compliment they do not all de-  
serve. A gambler is one who  
depends on chance or a contin-  
gency. At cards if a player elimi-  
nates chance by stacking or  
stealing cards he becomes a com-  
mon thief. In Wall Street there  
is much stacking of cards. Espe-  
cially is this true in the great  
reorganization schemes where the  
stock is watered.

Several panics have been stayed  
in the last few years by assuring  
the people that there is no cause  
for alarm, but after each flurry  
the work goes on and when it does  
finally topple over, great will be  
the fall thereof. Then for a sea-  
son the cry will be, "Back to the  
old!" For land is the source of  
wealth and all the merchants, all  
the men, manufacturers and trans-  
portation companies are  
only the wage servants of the  
farmer.

Mrs. Mary F. Rankin wife of  
Otho Rankin died at Seebert  
July 22nd, aged about 75 years.  
She was the only child of James  
Twyman, a school teacher, and  
who was drowned in Thorny  
Creek in 1834, during what is re-  
membered as the Twyman Flood.  
For several years Mrs. Rankin  
has been a great sufferer and so  
death with her has been a sweet  
release.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Fleming of  
Lynchburg, one of the most promi-  
nent ministers of the Virginia  
Synod, is expected to preach at  
the Marlinton Presbyterian church  
next Sabbath morning.

**Notice to Trespassers.**  
Notice is hereby given that no  
trespassing will be permitted on  
any of my lands or any land ren-  
ded by me, by hunting, fishing  
gathering berries or in any other  
manner. I will take action against  
all trespassers.

WITHERS McCLINTIC,  
Backeys, W. Va.

## NOTES BY THE WAY

From Edray and Vine towards  
Homes.

Second Paper of the Agency to  
Edray.

On Sabbath morning the calm  
and impressive atmosphere charac-  
teristic of Edray was broken by the  
old Hamlin chapel broken by the  
Sabbath school and Leo  
my grandson and I went for the  
village church. At the gate we  
were joined by Walter Mann's  
three nice little children and we  
moved off in our car until the  
foot of the Edray Zion was reached  
where I and the juveniles sepa-  
rated. They climbed the hill  
and I went down the draft to have  
some more copious quaffings of the  
Chalybeate Magnesia.

Thence from the Spring I climbed  
the aforesaid hill up a precipitous  
path immediately opposite guided  
by the course indicated by the  
pealing of the bell.

While climbing the steep path  
my notice was attracted by a bow-  
er of rare beauty formed by a wild  
grape vine standing in the open.  
Just such a bower must have been  
in the immortal dreamers fancy  
when he described the bower he  
speaks of as such an attractive fea-  
ture to the Pilgrim going up the  
hill. Difficultly. A more inviting  
shady place would be hard to find  
with its fallen mossy log for a  
cushioned seat.

Perhaps it would be better not  
to have mentioned this inviting  
place would be hard to find with  
its fallen mossy log for a cush-  
ioned seat.

Perhaps it would be better not  
to have mentioned this inviting  
place lest it lead to circumstances  
that might demand the special  
hymenal offices that are so pleas-  
ant to brethren like Moore and  
Crabtree to attend to.

Passing the bower and climb-  
ing the fence and passing through  
a freshly worked truck patch,  
I came to a bit of meadow adorned  
by a profusion of daisies, where I  
found at intervals plantings of cu-  
cumbers and squashes fringed  
with that exquisite flower, a strik-  
ing illustration as to how the  
cucumbers would be realized. Here  
would be the last place lady bugs  
would expect to find cucumbers  
and squashes to ravage, and so  
these useful plants seemed secure  
from molestation. Soon after this  
another fence was scaled and the  
church was entered and the  
Sunday school was in session su-  
perintended by the Methodist pas-  
tor's wife aided by S. B. and G.  
P. Moore and Miss Wilda Moore  
as teachers. The visitor was soon  
recognized and in a little while  
found himself confronted with  
questions that baffled John Wes-  
ley, Martin Luther and John Cal-  
vin which questions they had to  
leave about where they found  
them, judging from the diversity  
of opinions yet prevalent in the  
world of thinking Christians. Let  
it pass without saying that I in imi-  
tation of those illustrious persons  
left the questions where they left  
them, but I am not so sure that  
Brother George P. is going to do  
likewise. I am inclined to think  
he will not let them off so easily,  
as he is not the indifferent sort of  
a man that has fallen my lot to be.  
I was complimented by the amia-  
ble superintendent to close the ex-  
ercises with an address.

After a few pleasant hours at  
Brother George P. Moore's, dur-  
ing which good talk was had, an  
elegant dinner enjoyed, two  
swarms of bees looked after and  
Brother Moore had a nap in his  
combination chair, I took up my  
luggage and was soon on the road  
stopping to have some words with  
my greatly attached friends, Mr  
and Mrs. J. W. Warwick in their  
upper rooms. It is refreshing to  
meet such persons who have lived  
the good and useful lives such as  
their records imply. From there  
back to Mr. Beard's and another  
hour or two with Dr. Webb, dur-  
ing which I had another wade in  
deep waters, trying to keep step  
with one who has gone deeper in  
the ocean of theological truth

than I have yet ventured to with  
my short legs and heavy feet.  
Then leaving the pleasant  
friends I took the road heading  
for the Warwick Spring and the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Sharp.  
Several crossings of Stony Creek  
and the Big Spring Branch inter-  
vened on logs, wreck heaps and  
water gaps, such a crossing of  
creeks I never did see in all my  
former perignations. With wa-  
ters under foot and rain overhead  
I reached my destination and was  
welcomed by the announcement  
that I was the first preacher that  
had ever come to see them.

About ten o'clock the Bible  
was laid on the table and family  
devotions were held by singing an  
old familiar hymn and the 11th  
chapter of Luke from the first to  
the thirteenth verses read, and  
then prayer. W. T. P.

**Dunmore.**  
The weather is fine and hay  
making has commenced.  
The Old Man Whitt is so sure a  
prophet that he has made it rain  
eight Sundays in succession.  
Dog days has come in wet, they  
may go out snowy.

Mr. Andrew McElwee of Miss-  
issippi and D. B. McElwee of  
Driscoll are visiting in town.

Mrs. Shackelford of Virginia,  
sister of Mrs. T. P. Moyer, is in  
town visiting the Lion Lithia.

Mr. Frank Graybill of Virginia  
is also in town.

Mr. Horton, post-office inspec-  
tor of Washington, D. C., spent  
Sunday in town, also Mr. E. H.  
Moore of Baltimore, Md.

Bro. W. T. Price preached a  
very able sermon Sunday night at  
Baxter church.

C. E. Pritchard spent part of  
last week at Travelers Rest.

Mayor J. C. Montgomery was  
called home last week on account  
of sickness, he and his family  
will return later, he is very much  
pleased with our county.

Mr. H. M. Moore sold a fine  
body of Oak timber last week.  
This will go to Forrest to be  
shipped provided the river keeps  
down.

T. P. Moyer and Capt. C. B.  
Swecker spent Sunday with Lieu-  
tenant G. W. Siple.

Miss Mary Warwick and Mrs.  
Ed. Taylor are still on the sick  
list.

A young Mr. Chestnut at Cass  
is quite ill at this time.

Mrs. N. J. Rock and Mrs. F.  
B. Nottingham spent Monday in  
town.

Mrs. L. E. Campbell is im-  
proving.

Dr. Randolph was in our town  
a day or two last week.

There was a man in our town  
last week with a pair of felt boots  
on two inches thick and the ther-  
mometer registered 98 in the  
shade.

K. D. Swecker will start in a  
few days to the University of Vir-  
ginia.

Funeral Director C. B. Swecker  
furnished Tuesday a very hand-  
some burial outfit for George Gal-  
ford who died at Cass Monday  
night.

Just received at the Dunmore  
Furniture shop, a big lot of bed-  
steads, springs, chairs etc.

There will be an all day sing at  
the McLaughlin church the 1st  
Sunday in August.

## THE COAL STRIKE

Officially Ended July 23, 1903

The Operators the Only People to  
Benefit by it.

The coal strike closed officially  
on July 23rd in the New River  
District. The striking miners  
were directed to apply for work  
and in case they could not secure  
it the Union would find them  
work. As a matter of fact the  
strike had died a natural death  
long before the union officials saw  
it to make this proclamation.

About a year ago the yards at the  
ends of the divisions of the C. &  
O. were crowded with engines  
standing idle and cold. At Hin-  
ton could be seen about fifty.  
That condition did not last long  
however and while the feeling in  
regard to the labor troubles was  
at the highest, the coal operators  
began to be short of cars to de-  
liver the coal to the finest market  
ever known. For a long time  
now the output has been hampered  
by the lack of cars and therefore  
the mines had as much labor as  
they could employ. The C. &  
O. probably handles more freight  
from the coal mines in its territory  
than any other road in the State  
but its limitations have been  
reached so great has been the  
development of coal interests  
along its line.

It must gall and wormwood to  
the officials who ordered the strike  
to know that the coal operators  
made more money during the  
strike than ever before in their  
lives. Instead of clearing ten  
cents on the ton which is consid-  
ered a fair profit for the operator,  
they made a net profit on some  
grades of \$3.50 per ton, and they  
could well afford to mine less.

While the public suffered for  
want of coal or paid exorbitant  
prices the miners and their fami-  
lies were suffering for food and  
living in tents, and the coal op-  
erators were taking advantage of  
the rise in the price of coal and  
coining money. The only trouble  
they experienced was in getting  
cars and many were the expedient  
used to get a string of cars while  
the high prices were prevailing.  
It is related of one mine owner  
that he "stole" thirty-three cars  
that were not coming to him and  
loaded them and got them to mar-  
ket safely. Retribution came to  
him when the railway officials  
found it out and it was a long  
time before it was convenient to  
shunt any more coal cars to his  
mine. He paid for his dupacery  
many times over.

It is dangerous to trifle with  
the law of supply and demand.  
The public suffered for lack of  
coal and the miners for lack of  
work while the operators who  
were to be punished thrived ex-  
ceedingly. It will probably be a  
long time before another strike is  
ordered.

**Notice to Contractors.**  
Sealed bids will be received by  
the Board of Education of Edray  
District at Marlinton, W. Va.,  
until noon of the 22nd day of  
August, 1903, for the erection of  
two school houses in said district,  
viz:

One at Alderney, near John E.  
Barlow's, size 20x22 feet, the con-  
tractor to furnish all the material;

One on Laurel Creek, at or  
near the residence of J. N. White,  
size 20x30 feet, all of the lumber  
for said house to be furnished by  
the Board of Education.

Sealed bids will be received at  
the same time for the repairing of  
the "Draft" school house which  
is to be ceiled with hardwood  
from the wainscoting to the ceil-  
ing, the contractor to remove all  
plaster and laths from the walls.  
Specifications for all of said  
work on file in the office of the  
Secretary of said Board of Edu-  
cation, and may be seen by call-  
ing upon him at his office.

Bond in double the amount of  
the bid, with good personal secu-  
rity must accompany each bid for  
said work.—By Order of the  
Board of Education, Edray Dis-  
trict.

**WANTED:** Some good timber  
land on or near Railroad. Have  
buyers to whom we can sell at  
once. List your farms with us.  
STUART & WATTS,  
Lewisburg, W. Va.

**WANTED:** Party to log  
about 700,000 feet of timber,  
mostly oak. Good timber, nice  
place to work.—Theo Clute  
Falling Springs, W. Va.

**Notice to Teachers.**  
The second examination will be  
held at Marlinton July 23rd and  
24th, beginning at 8:30 a. m.  
J. B. GRIMES,  
July 7, 1903, Co. Sup't.

**Valuable School Property for Sale.**  
The Board of Education of Lit-  
tle Levels District will on  
August 22, 1903,

at Academy, offer for sale to the  
highest bidder, the school house  
and lot at Academy.

Terms of Sale: One third Cash,  
the residue in one and two years,  
secured by approved bonds with  
interest from day of sale.

The Board reserves the right to  
use house and lot this school term  
also the right to reject any and  
all bids.

By order of the Board.  
J. S. McNEEL, Pres.  
W. W. Ruckman, Secy.

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**Hosterman.**  
Everything is still business in  
this part.

The measles are in this vicinity  
seeking whom they may devour.

The Rev. Good and Monday,  
the adventists have been preach-  
ing here the last week and will re-  
turn soon.

Mr. James Collins baby is very  
sick.

Mr. Ben Collins had a cow  
run over by the passenger the  
20th and killed. This is the  
second cow here this summer  
killed by the train.

There is something in the shape  
of a man catching chickens in the  
town. There a few pellets saving  
for the animal which no doubt  
will stop the pest.

We need a church here very  
much, will some one make the  
start to erect one. There was ser-  
vice here Sunday night. Young  
people should not demoralize the  
Sabbath in such a way. Try to  
make good use of the Holy Sab-  
bath to improve each precious  
hour. Remember there is an un-  
seen eye beholding the good and  
the evil.

Mr. Philip Ira made a flying  
trip to Marlinton the latter of the  
week.

The Hosterman Lumber Com-  
pany are doing quite a business  
at this point in bark and lumber.

Male Kern and Harry Scott of  
Cass was callers in this part Sun-  
day, returning from Durbin.

There was an excursion from  
Cass to Hosterman Sunday, Sam-  
Cline conductor, carrying ten pas-  
sengers on the return.

We would be glad if our hon-  
orable county court would look  
over the mountain road, it is al-  
most impassable. Where is the  
money that is collected to keep up  
our county road? We almost have  
no roads and taxes higher every  
year, why is it?

We would be glad to have Rev.  
W. T. Price preach for us at this  
place occasionally. Rev. Black-  
hurst preaches the first Sunday in  
every month and one of our best  
men too, we do not have preach-  
very often. Come up Brother  
Price and give us one of your  
good sermons.

**Wanless.**  
Grass and corn crops are look-  
ing fairly well.

Rev. McNeil preached an inter-  
esting sermon here recently and  
was much appreciated by all who  
heard it.

A. W. and J. H. Tallman  
caught two bears recently, one  
was a tiny little thing and the  
other one was very large, the skin  
when stretched measured five feet  
by seven feet. I had been wound-  
ed by a bullet passing through the  
mouth breaking off all the canine  
and tearing off a small end of the  
lower jaw. It is supposed to be  
the large bear that was wounded  
on Elk last spring.

H. L. Kesler is doing a rush-  
ing business in merchandising.

C. C. Wanless has erected a  
fine two story hog house on his  
premises.

W. R. Sutton and wife were  
much appreciated guests at the  
home of Jacob L. V. Cassells  
on Sunday. A bountiful dinner  
being served, the evening was  
spent in pleasant chatting,  
of which the Scripture was mostly  
the subject.

Rev. McNeil, William Cassell  
and wife were callers at the home  
of the Rev. H. L. Kesler Sunday,  
dinner being served and part of  
the evening being spent in dis-  
cussing the weather the wind and  
news of the day. Rev. McNeil  
hastened away to his appoint-  
ment at McLaughlins.

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work. As a matter of fact the  
strike had died a natural death  
long before the union officials saw  
it to make this proclamation.

About a year ago the yards at the  
ends of the divisions of the C. &  
O. were crowded with engines  
standing idle and cold. At Hin-  
ton could be seen about fifty.  
That condition did not last long  
however and while the feeling in  
regard to the labor troubles was  
at the highest, the coal operators  
began to be short of cars to de-  
liver the coal to the finest market  
ever known. For a long time  
now the output has been hampered  
by the lack of cars and therefore  
the mines had as much labor as  
they could employ. The C. &  
O. probably handles more freight  
from the coal mines in its territory  
than any other road in the State  
but its limitations have been  
reached so great has been the  
development of coal interests  
along its line.

It must gall and wormwood to  
the officials who ordered the strike  
to know that the coal operators  
made more money during the  
strike than ever before in their  
lives. Instead of clearing ten  
cents on the ton which is consid-  
ered a fair profit for the operator,  
they made a net profit on some  
grades of \$3.50 per ton, and they  
could well afford to mine less.